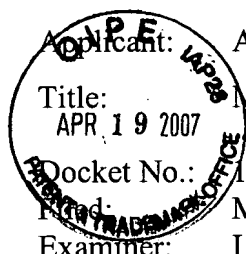


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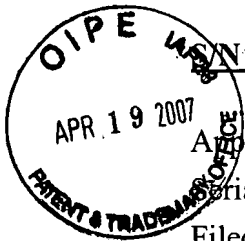
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APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.41

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In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed February 15, 2007, please see the remarks below:

REMARKS

The Examiner has stated in the Answer that the Quine reference does in fact, in the Examiner's opinion, multiple prefix formats. In support of this contention the Examiner has cited FIG. 7 and paragraph 79 of Quine and more particularly reference numbers 701 and 702. Appellants respectfully disagree that this figure and the text of paragraph 79 supports a teaching of multiple prefix formats to define an electronic address as required by the rejected independent claims.

Specifically, FIG. 7 does present multiple prefix formats; however, a plain reading of Quine and of paragraph 79 demonstrates that the email is defined by a single prefix selection made from FIG. 7. In other words, multiple different prefix formats cannot be selected to define the email in Quine. A user makes a single prefix format selection from the ones provided or by entering a specific desired prefix format for the email. The email cannot be defined by multiple selections of 701 in FIG. 7. The administrator makes one selection for the prefix format of the enterprise to define the email. And, in all cases in FIG. 7 the domain remains the same "pb.com." Again, "an administrator for the organization can select a predetermined address format corresponding to the corporate domain." *Emphasis added.* A singular choice is made to define the corporate email. Thus, Appellants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's conclusion with respect to the relevancy of FIG. 7. Appellant continues to respectfully assert that Quine does not allow for multiple prefix formats to be used to define an email. In Quine, just one prefix format is chosen and used to define the email.

The Examiner also contends that a "preferred domain" is present in the Schneider reference at column 16 lines 41-57. Appellants respectfully disagree with this as well. Specifically, Quine does not permit multiple domain names. There is only one domain that can be used and that is the domain of the enterprise. Schneider only provides "fictitious" or non real domains that map to a purchased domain. The fictitious domain is not a domain at all it is an alias for but one domain. Consequently, Appellants continue to assert that the proposed combination lacks any notion of a "preferred domain" and does not permit multiple domains and multiple prefix formats to be used to define an electronic address as required by the rejected independent claims of record.

The Examiner contends that Quine alone is being used to demonstrate that multiple prefixes for an email are mapped to an email for user. However, this is not the case. Quine is an editor that corrects errors that can be resolved to a single corporate prefix format. This is not the same as permitting multiple valid prefix formats to define an email. Quine does not permit multiple prefix formats; rather just one corporate prefix format is valid in Quine to define an email.

Finally, the Examiner did not address the Appellants' contention that the proposed combination of references is improper in the Answer. Appellants continue to contend that the references cannot be properly combined because Schneider is not directed at all to mapping to a single email definition and because Quine is only designed to invoke an editor when an invalid email is presented to display the proper expected prefix format. Quine does not permit multiple prefix formats to define an email, it just invokes an editor when an invalid email is noted and communicates the expected or accepted format. There is no notion of mapping in Schneider at all and in Quine there is not either. The notion of mapping can only be found via improper hindsight after reading and comprehending what Appellants have done. Consequently, Appellants continue to maintain that the proposed combination is improper.

Therefore, Appellants respectfully request that the Board overrule the rejections of record and allow all claims of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Appellants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Appellants' attorney at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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